GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OF MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have an international exchange programme for development of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, whether any delegations were sent abroad to study such alternate system of medicine;

(c) the details of such conferences attended by Indian delegations in 1999-2000;

(d) the issues discussed and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the annexure. The visits help the delegations to propagate the Indian Systems of Medicine, take stock of the regulatory requirements of the host countries relating to use of ISM Medicines and consumers preferences for such products.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	No. of days visited	Country	Purpose
1.	26-30 April, 1999	Russia	To discuss the Plan and modalities for assessing further cooperation and collaboration on Indian Systems of Medicine between the two countries.
2.	3-7th June, 1999	Russia	Seminar on Role and Place of Ayurveda in Contemporary Medicine
3.	30-31st October, 1999	New York	To attend 2-days` conference on Ayurveda and visit to Centre for Alternative Medicine under the National Institute of Health, Washington, DC. Both occasions served to propagate Ayurveda to the registered participants and to sensitize the experts in the national institute of Health about the strengths of the Indian Systems of Medicine and research work conducted so far.
4.	14-17th October, 1999	Brazil	To attend International Fair for Alternative Therapies and Natural Products.